

GARDNER.

An enjoyable picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips on the 4th. Quite a number of the Gardner people spent the day pleasantly.

Mr. Fletcher Williams was the victim of a serious accident last week. While moving household goods he was thrown from the wagon, breaking his hip and bruising himself considerably. At this writing he is slightly improved. Dr. Coker is attending Mr. Williams.

Mrs. Jeff Crews, of Bartow, is visiting T. F. Williams and family. Mr. J. L. Brandon has been quite ill for the past two weeks, and on Sunday left for Waycross, where he will receive treatment.

Mrs. Conroy and children are visiting W. L. Almand and family. Mr. and Mrs. McCorquada, of Ona, are visiting the family of Dan Coker.

Mrs. Harmon Coker left Thursday for Wauchula, where she will visit relatives.

P. D. Moore, of Brownville, assisted in Saxon's store here Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McRae are spending the week in Tampa.

Mrs. J. S. Coker and little Eloise left Wednesday for Atlanta, where they will visit relatives for several weeks.

Miss Bessie Granger left for her home in Fort Myers Tuesday after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pearce spent Sunday in Brownville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Saxon spent a few hours in Gardner Tuesday.

Miss Kate Williams, of East Gardner, spent the fourth with friends here.

Dr. Coker made a professional visit to Buchanan Sunday afternoon.

Brown Kilpatrick, of Arcadia, is holding down the A. C. L. office during the absence of Mr. Brandon.

Miss Pauline Wall and Mr. Green were married at the home of the parents of the bride last Thursday. Judge Stillwell performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends. The young couple will make their home in Moffitt.

LILY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nowlin went to the picnic at Bowling Green Tuesday.

J. E. Raulerson returned home Sunday from a few days at Boca Grande.

W. M. Savage, of Winter Haven, was a business visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. T. G. Albritton spent Sunday at Ona.

N. C. Platt, after spending some time here looking after his business, returned Sunday to his home at Boca Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gause spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Albritton, near Myakka.

Guy Tonkins is erecting a nice residence near the old stockade.

Mrs. Hutto Durrance spent several days last week in Arcadia.

Little Zula Platt, who was snake bitten last week, is doing very nicely.

Miss Leoline Skipper is mourning the death of a fine Collie puppy which was snake bitten.

ALTMAN.

Fishing is a thing of the past, as the rains have filled the Charley Apoka too full.

Several of our boys have gone to Cleveland, Ohio.

B. L. Coker and family are making a week's visit near LaBelle with his brother-in-law, Mr. Blunt.

As was given out the third Sunday in June, Brother McDaniel will start a week's revival meeting at the Altman school house the third Sunday in July. Brother McDaniel is an earnest worker, and he has secured the services of Rev. R. P. McPherson, of Wauchula, a very able preacher, also Rev. T. N. Crews is to assist, and will have charge of the music.

Everybody is invited to come and help us. Altman people are but few and weak. All day services will be held on Sunday and at 4 and 7:30 p. m. during the week. Supepr on the grounds.

NATIONAL GUARD'S TOTAL STRENGTH IS 129,398.

The National Guard strength of the country, according to the last report of General Alfred Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs, is 8,705 officers and 120,695 men. This report shows the number who have actually passed the federal inspection, and means just that many men ready for service. The figures, if anything, underestimate the present strength. Illinois regiments quoted in the report at 522 officers and 5,550 men, have a strength today of over 8,120. The same condition prevails all over the country.

Here are the figures, as shown in the report:

State, Territory or District.	Enlisted Officers.	Men.
Alabama	164	2,615
Arizona	53	712
Arkansas	105	1,547
California	299	3,440
Colorado	119	1,637
Connecticut	195	2,772
Delaware	40	450
District of Columbia ..	129	1,847
Florida	95	1,320
Georgia	229	2,714
Hawaii	61	90
Idaho	58	946
Illinois	522	5,550
Indiana	132	2,077
Iowa	211	3,092
Kansas	123	1,812
Kentucky	168	2,329
Louisiana	63	1,044
Maine	101	1,288
Maryland	156	1,917
Massachusetts	126	5,633

Total 8,075 | 120,695 |

*No organized militia; mustered out May 20, 1906.

SHERIFF'S REPORT.

July 3, 1916.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners.

Gentlemen: I beg leave to submit to you this my report covering the criminal business transacted through my office for the month of June, 1916.

Crimes.	Cases.
Selling liquor	3
Assaults	3
Forgery	3
Unlawful assembly	3
Grand larceny	3
Drunkenness	2
Embezzlement	1
Trespass	1
Profanity	1
Petit larceny	1
Concealed weapon	1
Larceny of hogs	1

Total 23 |

Plead guilty 6 |

Found guilty 5 |

Found not guilty 1 |

Not pressed 1 |

Bound over to circuit court .. 8 |

Bound over to county court .. 2 |

Total 23 |

Forty-one prisoners in jail during June; 16 prisoners in jail today; 22 convicts on road; 1 prisoner captured for other counties; \$130.28 fine and costs collected during June; \$380.19 fine and cost bonds on hands, not due.

J. L. DISHONG, Sheriff.

DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS.

For a party reduced to the necessity of making a national campaign on opposition to the record of the present democratic administration, the republican party's showing at Chicago was decidedly skimpy.

Boldly attacking that record in general terms, when it came to the specific counts of its indictment the Chicago convention, as voiced by its platform, was almost dumb. And the few specifications it did make were less indictments of the democrats than of the republican party itself, as represented in the national congress.

The one big ground on which the Chicago platform makers assaulted the administration which they are attempting to oust was that of its foreign policy, but they were careful not to go into details of the sins of that policy. They charge that it has "destroyed our influence abroad," without explaining what more than the administration has accomplished they would accomplish, how differently, except by war, they would accomplish it, and how more effectively they could have accomplished it even by war with Germany. They grandiloquently declare that they "will enforce the protection of every American citizen in all the rights secured to him by the constitution, treaties and the law of nations, at home and abroad, by land and sea," and that "the democratic president and the democratic congress have failed to defend" them. And they make this declaration in the face of the fact that when certain members of the house and senate sought to have congress warn the citizens of this country that if they chose to exercise these rights by going to sea it would be at their peril and they could not look to the protection of the American flag, it was the democrats who repudiated those resolutions and the republicans who almost solidly voted for them. The Chicago platform therefore, on the matter of the defense of American rights, is an assault on republicans instead of democrats.—Courier-Journal.

"I'm crying," Rosalind Bledsoe to her father the other day, "because I don't like that man."

"If I," Mr. Bledsoe replied, "cried over every man I dislike, water would be flowing in the gutters."—Wyoming Tribune.

TEMPTATION.

The Houston Post tells the following incident as illustrative of the truth that if you want people to be trustworthy, show them that you have faith in them.

Not long ago a gentleman in San Francisco who owed \$10 to a gentleman in New York, sent the amount by mail and liquidated the debt.

Now there is nothing remarkable about one man paying off a small loan of \$10 to another man. This sort of thing is done among gentlemen every day. But there is something remarkable in the manner whereby the \$10 in this case was transmitted across the continent.

The man in 'Frisco who owed the money merely tied a string tightly around the waistline of a \$10 note, attached the end of the string to a tag bearing the name and address of the man in New York to whom he owed the money, then dropped note, tag and string into the nearest mail box.

It appears that the 'Frisco man had a wager up with a friend that the New York man would receive the \$10 sent in this unique manner, in good condition. Well, the man on the golden slope won the wager.

The \$10 note arrived at its destination O. K. It also bore evidence of having been handled, fondled and caressed en route; it looked as if it had been held up on the way across the country and had only arrived by the skin of its teeth, as one might say.

It appears to me that this was a mean temptation to throw in the way of Uncle Sam's postal clerks. If I were a postal clerk and should suddenly, in sorting letters, come upon a perfectly good, loose \$10 bill with nothing attached to it except a frail string—if upon getting my lunch

hooks on a crinkly note of that denomination I found myself sorely in need of ten bones, it would take considerable moral courage on my part to kiss that delicious looking bank note good bye and permit it to continue on its journey.

However this little incident merely confirms the proposition that in proportion as you put your faith in folks, they will justify it.

Here is a testimonial to the honesty of the boys in gray who work for Uncle Sam.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN RUMANIA.

The central powers have contracted for 1,500,000 tons of Rumanian wheat and the British have contracted for 500,000 tons. With the connivance of grafting officials an enormous contraband traffic in cattle, fowls and various food materials is being carried on at the border. As a result of this heavy drain on the food supplies of the country, extremely high prices prevail and considerable discontent is in evidence among the people. Meat is now so scarce that the slaughter of cattle has been prohibited, and the sale of meat is permitted only on certain days of the week. Great numbers of dogs have been bought by some agents, ostensibly for use in drawing machine guns, but a suspicion prevails that the animals will shortly find their way into the sausage grinder.—Pathfinder.

The Knoxville Journal and Tribune says: "Senator Ollie James thinks if there were no republican party, this country would be a very good country to live in."

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NOTICE. Whereas, A petition has been filed before the County Board of Public Instruction, by the residents of Charlotte Harbor Special Tax School District No. 34, petitioning said Board of Public Instruction to call an election of the qualified electors of said Special Tax School District for the purpose of deciding whether the said School District shall issue bonds in the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars, and for the purpose of completing the school building at Charlotte Harbor, furnish-

ing and equipping same, digging artesian well and further improving the school ground at Charlotte Harbor and other purposes strictly incident and pertaining to the establishment and maintenance of a school at Charlotte Harbor, and we respectfully submit that the interest to be paid upon said bonds be six (6 per cent.) per cent., and that they mature in twenty years.

And whereas, It appears from the examination of said petition and of the registration books of DeSoto County, that said petition has been signed by more than twenty-five per cent of the qualified electors residing in said Special Tax School District, therefore

Be it Resolved, By said board that bonds be issued and as prayed for in petition in the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars, drawing interest at the rate of six (6 per cent.) per cent. per annum, and that they mature in twenty (20) years. Said bonds shall be issued for the purpose of completing the school building at Charlotte Harbor, furnishing and equipping the same, digging artesian well and further improving the school ground at Charlotte Harbor, and other purposes strictly incident and pertaining to the maintenance and establishment of a school at Charlotte Harbor, the interest of said bonds to be paid semi-annually, and together with the principal, to be payable either at Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, or at a place to be named by the Board at or before the time of sale of said bonds.

I, James O. Bickley, do hereby certify that I am Superintendent of Public Instruction of DeSoto County, and as such ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Public Instruction. I further certify that above resolution is a true and correct copy as adopted by said board, and as it appears on minutes of meeting held July 5th, 1916. (Signed) JAS. O. BICKLEY, Superintendent Public Instruction.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Charlotte Harbor School House, the 7th day of August, A. D. 1916, in which the duly qualified electors residing in Charlotte Harbor District No. 34, who pay a tax on real estate within said district to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued by the County Board of Public Instruction for said District, drawing interest at the rate of six (6 per cent.) per cent. per annum, payable in twenty (20) years from date of said issue. That said bonds shall be issued for the purpose of completing the Charlotte Harbor School Building, furnishing and equipping same, digging artesian well and further improving the school ground at Charlotte Harbor and other purposes strictly incident and pertaining to the maintenance and establishment of a school at Charlotte Harbor.

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